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The Honorable Susan Ness
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am a teacher from Westridge Middle School in Price, Utah. We prepare adult and teenage learners for employment in a variety of technical careers that involve familiarity with computer technology. I am very interested in assuring that my students have the advantages offered by modern technology and access to the Information Superhighway. Without access to the Internet as part of their educational experience, they will graduate and enter the workforce underprepared for the 21st Century.

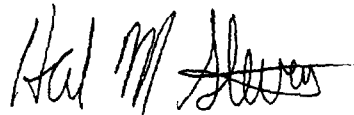
Thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to this important teaching and learning technology.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will make it possible for even the poorest schools in rural areas, such as ours, to connect to the Internet and provide distance learning. The \$2.25 billion per year will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn.

In our technical center, we want every student to learn to use the Internet and maintaining low rates will be important to help us provide this opportunity.

I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries, including discounts for the internal classroom connections. Our students need these services and deep discounts. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Hal M Stevens
Westridge Middle School
Price, Utah

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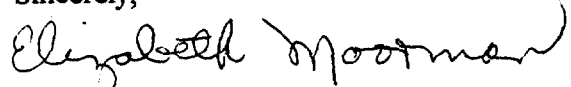
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Elizabeth Moorman

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Dear Commissioner Ness:

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In my school we are just beginning to use the Internet and maintaining low rates will be important to help us continue to have Internet access.

I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries, including discounts for the internal classroom connections. Our students need these services and deep discounts. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sylvia M. Whit

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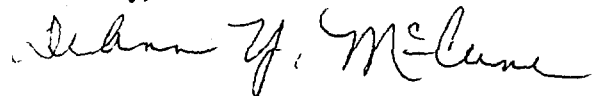
I am a teacher from the Jordan School District, and I am very interested in assuring that my students have the advantages offered by modern technology and access to the Information Superhighway. Without access to that educational experience, they will graduate and enter the workforce unprepared for the 21st Century.

Thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to this important teaching and learning technology.

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I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries, including discounts for the internal classroom connections. Our students need these services and deep discounts. Thank you.

Sincerely,

B Reynolds
Cottonwood High School

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Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am a teacher from Bear River Middle School, Garland, Utah. We prepare teenage learners for employment in a variety of careers that involve familiarity with computer technology. I am very interested in assuring that my students have the advantages offered by technology and access to the Information Superhighway. Without access to the Internet as part of their educational experience, they will graduate and enter the workforce under prepared for the 21st Century.

Thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to this important teaching and learning technology.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will make it possible for even the poorest schools in rural areas, such as ours, to connect to the Internet and provide distance learning. We are the third least funded district in the state of Utah. The \$2.25 billion per year will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn.

In our computer labs and classrooms, we want every student to learn to use the Internet and maintaining low rates will be critical in helping us provide this opportunity.

I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries, including discounts for the internal classroom connections. Our students need these services and deep discounts. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Steven N. Morgan
Bear River Middle School
Garland, Utah 84312

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am the principal from Sunburst Schools, Sunburst, MT., and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce for tomorrow.

We, in Sunburst, would utilize these discounts as we prepare our school with technology for the 21st century. We would be able to have more access to Fax machines and Internet for more of our classrooms. Currently, we only supply 2 Internet computers for 200 students.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathy Johnson
Kathy Johnson

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Commissioner Susan Ness
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket NO. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

As president of the Education Association of Charles County Maryland which represents over 1,000 educators, I am writing in support of the Universal Service discounts for schools and libraries that have been recommended by the Joint Board.

We would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Joint Board discount plan will guaranteed that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and, importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discount is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. We urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal services for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bob Sondheimer

Bob Sondheimer
President

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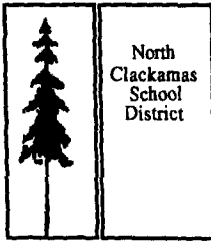
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I am writing regarding the upcoming vote on implementing the Telecommunications Act of 1996 for schools and libraries. It is imperative that the originally recommended "e-rate" be maintained. It is no secret that the expense of education is becoming a bigger burden for schools all over the country. The need to keep up with ever increasing technology only increases that burden. You can help children all over the country prepare for the future by supporting telecommunication discounts for schools. This also includes "e-rate" discounts on inside connections to the classrooms. Children of all economic backgrounds deserve the same access to education in technology. Your support would benefit everyone. I urge you to support the Joint Boards discount plan. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Marie Divozzo
L'Anse Creuse Public Schools
Legislative Action Committee

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**North Clackamas School District
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Blair Loudat, Director

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The Honorable Susan Ness
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

As the Director of Technology and Information Services for North Clackamas School District I deeply appreciate your interest in making access to the Internet and distance learning more affordable for schools and libraries through the Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan.

North Clackamas School District is proud that each school in our district has access to the Internet. However, due to continued funding and operating cost issues in the State of Oregon and in this school district, completion of our plan to bring the Internet to every classroom in the District is in serious jeopardy. Your full support of the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools that includes inside wiring will help us to realize our plans for the full integration of technology and world-wide resources into classroom teaching.

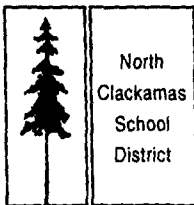
Thank you for your effort on behalf of student's across the country.

Sincerely,

N. Blair Loudat

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Ron Naso
Superintendent

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April 25, 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

As Superintendent of Schools for North Clackamas School District, I urge you to fully support the universal service plan of the Joint Board. We are active users of the Internet in all of our schools although we do not yet have service to every classroom in the District. We are also extensively involved in distance learning delivering health occupation and other classes to classrooms in rural Oregon. Expansion of both of these efforts would be greatly advanced with discounted telecommunications costs that include classroom connections as well as lower communications line costs.

Schools across the State of Oregon are facing serious funding challenges while trying to deliver high quality educational programs. Discounted telecommunications rates will not only allow school districts to leverage resources, they will help all of us to deliver a better educational experience to our students.

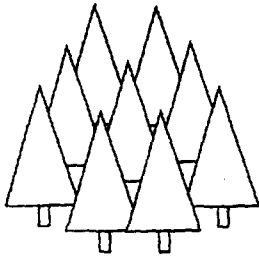
Thank you for your support of affordable access to Information Superhighway resources by our nations's students.

Sincerely,

Ronald Naso
Superintendent

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MICHAEL W. SIBITZ
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Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am writing to you in regards to the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program. I am a locally elected school board member from Sylvan Union School District, Modesto, California, and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

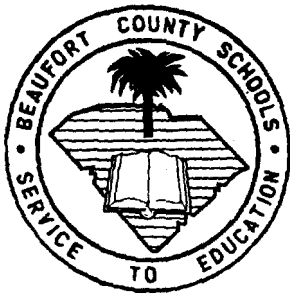
The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have access to the Internet and the ability to provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of schools across the country, and more importantly, the plan will bring telecommunications services directly to the classrooms, where they can have the greatest impact on students. It is important to remember that each element of this plan is vital to the overall success of the discount program. Therefore, the inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the size of the Universal Service Fund be reduced. As I am sure you are aware, this program is essential for preparing our students to enter the workforce of tomorrow.

The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Margery Neder, President
Board of Trustees



BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The Honorable Susan Ness
Commissioner
Federal Communication Commission
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RE: The Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Commissioner Ness:

As chairman of the Beaufort County Board of Education, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your dedication toward ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 for schools and libraries, provides substantial discounts for even the poorest schools allowing them the opportunity to connect to the Internet, more importantly the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn.

Our schools need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I therefore urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Sincerely,

Laura Bush, Chairman
Beaufort County Board Of Education

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RE: CC Docket No. 95-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

On behalf of the Board of Education of the Redondo Beach Unified School District, I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities to children. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where learning takes place. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital to this process. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Redondo Beach Unified School District, through partnerships with the private sector, through hard-working and creative teachers, students and Maintenance and Operations staff, and limited general fund monies, has connected the total district to a WAN-"BeachNet". We desperately need the support of the E-rate to turn "on the switch" from our classrooms to the world and to our teachers and learners at home, 24-hours-a-day, seven days a week. Our students are so committed they run the network. Wouldn't it be wonderful for them to know the FCC supports them!

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Beverly J. Rohrer, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

As superintendent of school in Hinsdale Montana, I would like to thank you for your support of education. We are a rural school that depends greatly on our access to the internet. Currently, the local REA is proposing a \$2000 a year cost for internet access over our existing fiber optic line that would allow access for up to twelve computers at a time. Currently, we are running two copper lines into the school for our computer modems, but this limits us to two computers on-line at a time. We need financial help to open the internet for all students

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. Last year, we installed a distance learning lab that will cost \$8000 a year for line charges. These charges are hurting our small school. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools and enable us to continue expanding our internet and distance learning access. We would be able to apply the discounts to our electronic access utilizing the fiber optic line.

The students in Hinsdale utilize e-mail and the internet daily. We are teaching our students how to utilize electronic communications in all classes. I urge the FCC to support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jim Germann

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Commissioner Rachelle B. Chong
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Chong:

Northern Michigan University is very concerned with potential cost increases associated with proposals the FCC is considering for funding Universal Service. We recommend that colleges and universities be exempt from the increase in multi-line Subscriber Line Charges that are designated to be used for Universal Service. In many cities, our included, it is the higher ed institutions that provide the infrastructure and facilities by which K-12 schools and public libraries connect to the Internet or provide distance learning.

Sincerely,

Felecia Flack
Director of Support Services

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

RE: CC Docket No 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness: :

I am a Board Member from the New Castle Area School District in Pennsylvania and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

With this discount, we would be able to purchase new adoptions of textbooks which have repeatedly been cut from our local budget. Western Pennsylvania has been extremely hard hit and our school has lost \$13,000,000 of tax base in the last ten years and we rank ninth in the Commonwealth for local tax effort.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Frank Bonfield
Mr. Frank Bonfield
Board Member

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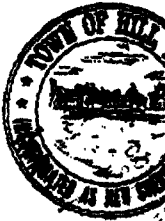
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Dear Commissioner Ness:

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The Franklin School District is one of the poorest school districts in New Hampshire. Presently, we have no Internet connections because we cannot afford telephone lines and the internal wiring. Obviously, we have no wiring or computer connections within classrooms for networking in any of our five schools. We are only able to obtain dated computers of the 286, 386 and Macintosh Classic vintage, as well as other used technologies.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunication services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

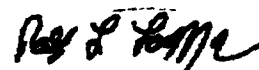
I am a businessman from Vidalia, Louisiana and Concordia Parish, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. As an active partner in education with the Concordia Parish School District, which is located within the Macon Ridge Economic Development enterprise zone, we are vitally interested in raising the standard of education within our rural school district through technology. Without continued improvements in our local labor force, we will not be able to contact industries and create stable job opportunities for our area.

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Monies available from these access discounts would be used specifically to improve physical technical facilities and the training for our dedicated teachers.

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Ralph L. Laukhuff, Jr.
 Executive Vice-President
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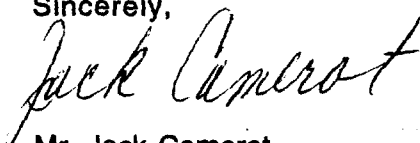
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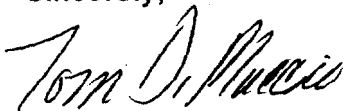
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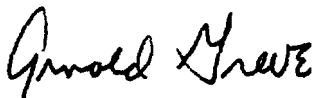
I am Superintendent of the Springfield Public Schools, a large urban school district in southwest Missouri. I am writing concerning CC Docket No. 96-45 and to encourage your continued support for this proposal that will ensure that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that all schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing students for the workforce of tomorrow.

A discount in telecommunication costs would greatly benefit our school system in many ways. Decreasing costs associated with connecting over 50 sites to our administrative center and to the Internet, would allow for even greater learning opportunities for students by allowing the District to expand bandwidths and add more telecommunication services and equipment.

I believe it is imperative for our District to have deep discounts for telecommunications this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Sincerely,



Arnold Greve, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am the coordinator of the Heart of Georgia Youth Science & Technology Center in Eastman, Georgia and I would like to thank you for your support of technology information and the importance of the internet.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. This plan is very important and vital to the rural areas of Georgia as we seek to compete with much larger school communities. Our children deserve the same and equal opportunities as those of more influential systems.

I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ron Bryant

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